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Docket no.262-13-232

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Title: METHOD OF DECODING TWO-CHANNEL MATRIX ENCODED AUDIO TO  
RECONSTRUCT MULTICHANNEL AUDIO

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Amendment**

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action issued 12/19/03, the applicant submits the following amendment and remarks. This amendment is accompanied by a request for a one month extension of time and the requisite fee.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated in the attached set of amended claims.

**Remarks**

The applicant submits the following remarks in response to the Office action of 12/19/2003.

According to the Office action, Claims 1, 12, 15 and 19 lack novelty as anticipated by Fosgate (as applied to Claim 1) and Dressler (claims 12, 15 and 19). Applicant respectfully disagrees. Although Fosgate does disclose a method of decoding

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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herein for filing are:

1. Amendment and Remarks (8 pages);
2. Amended Claims (4 pages);
3. Form PTO/SB/22-Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (duplicate copy included);
4. Check Number 6843 in the amount of \$110.00 for Extension of Time fee (one month); and
5. Acknowledgment Postcard.

Please call me at 818 706 3525 if there are any problems or informalities to correct.

Date:

4/19/04

Respectfully submitted,

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